

Media alert

Please cascade to all media staff

16 January 2020

***Mindframe* media alert update: death of Wilson Gavin following family statement**

Mindframe wishes to endorse the statement from the family of Wilson Gavin and their call for compassion for all impacted communities at this time. The *Mindframe* team also pass on condolences to Gavin's family and friends.

Now that the family have confirmed that Wilson took his own life, *Mindframe* wishes to remind media to follow responsible reporting. It is important while conversations continue on line that media stories provide appropriate help-seeking pathways (see list below). Also bear in mind that this is an ongoing police matter for investigation and coronial proceedings.

The traumatic nature of events such as this can have a profound impact on whole communities and may last for a period of time. *Mindframe* encourages the acknowledgement and continued support of grief and loss for the family, friends, LGBTI community and the broader Australian community.

As more details emerge about the incident, please refer to the [Mindframe guidelines](#).

Avoid: Reporting explicit detail about method and means.

Use: If it is essential to include method, discuss in general terms:

E.g. 'Police investigations continue'

Avoid: Speculation around the circumstances leading up to the incident

Note: this is for police investigation only and possible coronal findings

Avoid: Using detailed and dramatic photographs or videos of the scene

NOTE: Graphic images or footage depicting method or location can lead to imitation by people who are vulnerable to self-harm and suicide.



Support services

Adult

Lifeline: [13 11 14](tel:131114)

lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back Service: [1300 659 467](tel:1300659467)

suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Beyond Blue: [1300 22 4636](tel:1300224636)

beyondblue.org.au/forums

MensLine Australia: [1300 789 978](tel:1300789978)

mensline.org.au

National LGBTI Health Alliance:

lgbtihealth.org.au/mindout

Youth

Kids Helpline: [1800 551 800](tel:1800551800)

kidshelpline.com.au

headspace: [1800 650 890](tel:1800650890)

headspace.org.au

ReachOut: au.reachout.com

Other resources

Head to Health: mental health portal

headtohealth.gov.au

Life in Mind: suicide prevention portal

lifeinmindaustralia.com.au

SANE: online forums

saneforums.org

QLife:



[1800 184 527](tel:1800184527)



qlife.org.au



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Media self-care

To support media professionals *Mindframe*, in consultation with the [DART Centre Asia Pacific](#), has developed [self-care resources](#) for journalists media professionals reporting on high profile incidents.

Key national resources

Head to Health: mental health portal: www.headtohealth.gov.au

Life in Mind: suicide prevention portal: www.lifeinmindaustralia.com.au

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